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Dear Mayor Euille and members of City Council,

The City Council will be voting Tuesday on a replacement for a citizen member of the Community Services Board who has resigned. As you know we hope to keep our 16 member board as diverse as possible, representing all members of the community especially the members who receive our services. We had been concerned that we have no one member of the board currently who is an advocate for or has had experience with people with substance abuse disorders. Such disorders are extremely destructive to the individual, his or her family and the community, not to mention public safety, so we were pleased to see that two of the three citizens who applied for the slot expressed an interest in and knowledge of substance abuse. Of the two we preferred Paul Edward Pepper, deputy public defender. Mr. Pepper has had as clients people with both substance abuse problems as well as mental illnesses and
as a member of the Public Defender's office is familiar with the Jericho project, an alternate sentencing program to find more appropriate ways of dealing with people with serious mental illnesses and or substance abuse problems who have broken the law.

As most of you know the Jericho project is part of an extensive web of services many city agencies working together are attempting to create, services that will at once protect public safety, help those who are mentally ill and have substance abuse problems, and prevent all the costs social and financial, recidivism creates.

Mr. Pepper would help the board in its ongoing quest to create the best programs to help those with the greatest needs.

As for the remaining applicants. There will be more slots opening up as terms end this month and we urge those interested to apply.

If you have any questions you can reach me on my home phone 703-519-3682 or on my cell phone 703-629-3747

Thank you for hearing me out.

Mary Anne Weber
chair, Community Services Board